

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th July 2009

Silent Key

Walter Kronkite, KB2GSD

The well-known, former US TV news anchor Walter Cronkite has died after a long illness. He was 92.

He Narrated the "Amateur Radio Today" production by the ARRL. The ARRL has presented him with many awards.

His love of Space science and the NASA Moon missions won our admiration. His coverage of those showed his interest in technology. May he rest in peace.

ComReg Consultation on the 2300 to 2400 MHz Band

ComReg has published a consultation paper on the release of spectrum in the 2300 to 2400 MHz band. The paper is Document 09/49 of 15 June and is available in the Publications section of the ComReg website at www.comreg.ie This band is an amateur secondary allocation.

The IRTS will in due course prepare a response to this consultation paper and we would encourage interested individuals and radio clubs to do so as well. Licensees who have views which they wish to have reflected in the IRTS response should communicate by e-mail to ei7cd/at/ gofree.indigo.ie Responses to the consultation paper must be submitted before 5 p.m. on 29 July next.

AO-51 Apollo 11 40th Anniversary Special Event

Congratulations to any ground stations that received AO-51 during the limited passes during the special event period.

These stations were treated to a replay of the Apollo 11 Eagle communications, commemorating the 40th anniversary. Stations which were SSTV ready were also treated to a Robot 36 SSTV Image.

Using AO-51 & special event there are some uploads of activity on youtube.com from

stations receiving the pass. For anyone to take a look and listen to what they have missed.

Send QSL requests marked "Apollo 11" with SASE to the AMSAT office at 850 Sligo Ave. Suite 600, Silver Spring, MD 20910 U.S.A

NASA test new 'space internet' protocols on ISS

The University of Colorado at Boulder is working with NASA to develop a new communications technology now being tested on the International Space Station (ISS), which will extend Earth's Internet into outer space and across the solar system.

Called Disruption Tolerant Networking, or DTN, the new technology will enable NASA and other space agencies around the world to better communicate with international fleets of spacecraft that will be used to explore the moon and Mars in the future.

Rallies

C.R.C. Rally 2009

The Cork Radio Club is holding their Rally in the Montenotte Hotel in Cork on the 13th of September. Special rates for those who wish to stay overnight just mention Cork radio Club.

Food all day, plenty of parking & doors open at 11am. All the usual traders will be there.

Mayo Rally

The 2009 Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday November 22nd in Castlebar. The venue is The Welcome Inn Hotel, Where the 2008 rally was held at short notice, and doors open at 11.00am.

Rally Director, Padraic Baynes, EI9JA, is now taking bookings for stands at the Rally. He can be contacted on 087 6957154. The hotel will be offering a Rally special deal for accommodation. Full details will be available soon.

Dxpedition to Clare Island

Members of the Dalkey Island Contest Group plan to activate Clare Island for the IOTA Contest this weekend. The callsign EJ1DD will be used in a '100 watt DXpedition' entry and the IOTA reference is EU-121. QSL information is via EI7CC.

Operators will be EI2CA, EI5DI, EI6EW, EI7CC, EI7CD, EI8BP AND EI8CE. Look for activity also from the individual operators using the EJ prefix between 23-27 July.

IOTA Rathlin Isl

Sean EI4GK, Pete EI4GZB, Declan EI9HQ, Pete GI4VIV and Joe EI7GY are back on Rathlin Island again for this year's IOTA contest. They will be based in the East Lighthouse, the same QTH as last year. The call sign for the contest will be GI0MPG.

IOTA South Dublin Radio Club and the City of Belfast

Radio Amateur Society

EJ0GI are participating in the IOTA Contest (DXpedition - multi-op, HP section) from Inis Oirr, EU-006. The combined team from South Dublin Radio Club and the City of Belfast Radio Amateur Society have travelled to the Aran Islands off the coast of Galway, hoping to build upon the successes of recent years.

Some team members may be active under their home calls outside of the Contest between 23 - 27 July. QSL via EI2SDR (information available on QRZ.com).

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 27th of July at 8.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

At the meeting, John Ronan (EI7IG) will give a talk about AREN / Emergency radio operating procedure. Please note that this is not just for AREN members but is open to anyone who would like to know more about operating procedure.

All are welcome.

DXCluster now on Twitter

GB7MBC, one of Europe's busiest DXClusters, is now on Twitter.

It provides such things as DX news, IOTA, Contests and Solar information.

If you wish to follow it on Twitter, just go to this URL and add it to your list of 'tweets' you follow. twitter.com/GB7MBC

DX News

XE1/EI7GK.

Paddy EI7GK will be QRV from his daughter's house in Mexico during July. Listen out for XE1/EI7GK on 14.268 MHz SSB + or - QRM.

Past experience shows the best time for propagation between EI and XE is early morning 06.00 to 08.00. Irish time. Remember that Mexico is 6 hours behind EI. Paddy will be delighted to work EI and GI stations.

Swaziland

A DXpedition will operate from Swaziland between 30th July and 11th August 2009. The purpose of this expedition is to provide an amateur radio station at an International Scout Camp near Manzini.

Using the callsign 3DA0SS and also a station at Hawane Resort near Mbabane where previous DXpeditions to Swaziland have operated from. The Hawane station will operate under the individual callsigns of the expedition team.

Team members are – David GI4FUM 3DA0DJ Tony G4LDL 3DA0TB Gerry M0VAA 3DA0VA Malcolm GM3TAL 3DA0MH Mike NC4MM 3DA0MM Yuri UT5EL 3DA0EL

There is an established HF antenna farm at the Hawane site and we will operate 2 HF stations around the clock depending on propagation and band openings. We plan to operate on or near to scout frequencies.

Requests for skeds should be sent to GI4FUM /at/ 3da0ss.net

QSLs for this DXpedition should be sent via GI4FUM

Further details and photographs are available at www.gi4fum.co.uk

This week in History

1897 Marconi registers the "Wireless Telegraph and Signal Company".

1899 Royal Navy successfully trials Marconi sets during exercises.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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